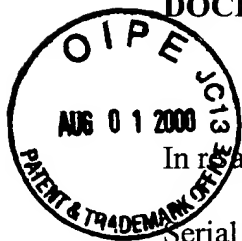


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REPLY AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 3, 2000, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections upon reconsideration of the following amendments and arguments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-30, 32, 33, 35 and 36 without prejudice, amend claims 31

and 34, add new claims 37- 50 as follows.

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